



Contact:  
Tim Gallen/Nancy Amaral  
Gallen.Neilly  
(925) 930-9848  
Tim@Gallen.com / Nancy@Gallen.com

## **Great Wall of Oakland *presents* "A Tour of the World"**

Oakland, CA, May 4, 2011 -- This Friday (May 6) from 7pm-11pm the [Great Wall of Oakland](#) will be presenting "A Tour of the World", a show of 10 international pieces, featuring such diverse places as Kenya, India, France, Iceland and even some places closer to home.

Last month, the Great Wall presented "About Oakland, By Oakland", an entire show dedicated to the great city of Oakland and the artists who live and work there. This month, keeping with the "place" theme, the Great Wall will be taking the audience on a "Tour of the World." The show will be full of color, adventure and stories from around the world.

"Interesting to me," says curator Issabella Shields, "is to see what artists in countries around the world are creating right now and how they compare to one another. It's also interesting to see how an artist chooses to present the place where they live. Each piece has its own flair and says so much, not just about the region, but about its people and culture and way of expression."

"A Tour of the World" also includes many diverse video styles from hand-drawn animation, to stop motion, to film. Here are two selections from the show:

"Space Hoppers in Venice"

<http://www.vimeo.com/13487624>

"Matatoro"

<http://www.vimeo.com/13487624>

The Wall faces West Grand Avenue between Broadway and Valley Street, next door to Luka's Taproom and Lounge in Oakland's Uptown district. The [Lake Merritt-Uptown](#) and [Downtown Oakland district](#) associations, along with the Oakland Museum of California, are major sponsors of the Great Wall of Oakland.

For over three years, the Great Wall of Oakland has been curating shows of various types of video art including animation, computer-generated art, live-action film, documentary-style video and other innovative forms of art from artists worldwide.

Please visit our website:

<http://greatwallofoakland.org>

Also see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGF98V2ynlg>